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SUBJECT HELEN SOBELL

SERIAL UNR DATE 4-5-60

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SERIAL 72 DATE 11-18-60

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Date: 11/22/60

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-404849)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-3074)

HELEN SOBELL

SM - C

(OO:NY)

Re: airtel 2/17/59, re New York desire to know when subject leaves United States.

On 11/21/60, [redacted] Legal Division, Passport Office, Washington, D. C., advised SA KENNETH J. HASER that on the authority of the State Department the New York Office of the Passport Office renewed subject's passport on 11/18/60. The application for this renewal was forwarded to Washington, D. C., by the Passport Office in New York on 11/18/60.

According to [redacted] the subject plans to leave about January 5, 1961, for three weeks in England, France, and Italy as a tourist. The passport, when renewed, is now valid for four years from the date it was issued.

WFO will review the application for renewal when it is available here, unless New York has already reviewed it in New York, and prepared a letterhead memo.

New York requested to advise if information reviewed in New York.

② - Bureau

② - New York (100-109849) (RM)

① - WFO

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-404849)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-109849)

SUBJECT: HELEN SOBELL

S M - C

(OO:NY)

ReWFOairtel 11/22/60.

NY will review records of Passport Office, Department of State, NYC, and submit letterhead memorandum regarding renewal of subject's passport on 11/18/60.

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REC-59

100-404849-74

3 - Bureau (100-404849) (RM)

2 - Washington Field (100-3074) (RM)

1 - New York (100-109849)

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Date: 11/30/60

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-404849)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-109849)

SUBJECT : HELEN SOBELL  
SM-C

(OO:NEW YORK)

ReWFOairtel, 11/22/60 and NYairtel, 11/28/60.

~~REDACTED~~

Passport Office, State Department, NYC, advised 11/29/60, that subject's passport renewal application was forwarded to Passport Office, Legal Division, Washington, D.C., 11/18/60, and his records contained no further information.

WFO requested to review subject's passport renewal application at Washington, and prepare letter memorandum.

- ③ - Bureau (100-404849) (RM)  
② - Washington Field (100-3074) (RM)  
① - New York (100-109849)

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Mr. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. W.C. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ingram \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-404849)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-3074)

HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL

SM - C  
(OO:NY)

Re airtel 11/22/60 advising subject's passport renewed 11/18/60.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 and for New York 2 of a letterhead memorandum containing the information about the passport renewal.

The passport files were reviewed by SA [redacted] JR., on December 1, 1960.

RUC

3-Bureau (Enc-3)

2-New York (100-109849) (Enc-2) (RM)

1-WFO

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100-404849-76

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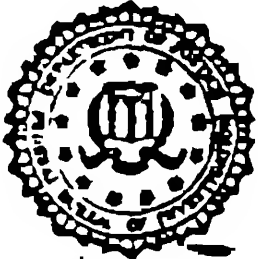
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

December 2, 1960

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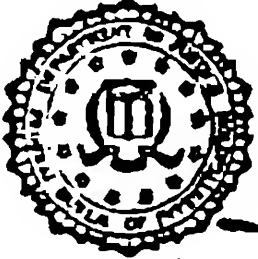
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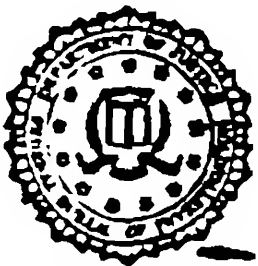
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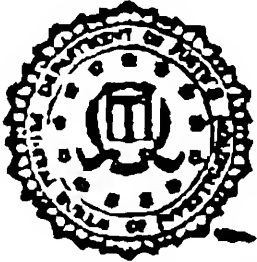
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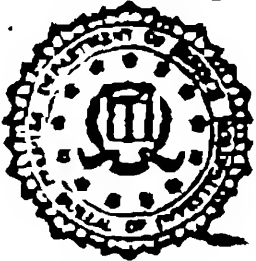
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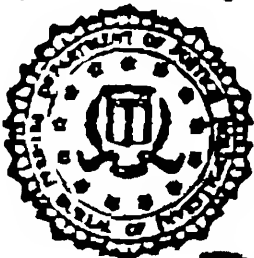
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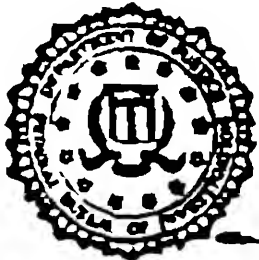
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1 - Liaison Section  
1 - Mr. Maack  
1 - Mr. Kitchens

100-404849

Date: December 28, 1960

To: Office of Security  
Department of State

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: HELEN LEVITOV SOBELL  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Pertinent reports and memoranda regarding the subject have been furnished to your Department and the Central Intelligence Agency previously.

According to the records of the Passport Office of your Department, subject's Passport Number 1269164 was renewed at New York City on November 18, 1960. At that time subject planned to depart from New York on January 5, 1961, for a three-week trip which would include visits in England, France and Italy for tourist purposes. She intended to travel via Pan American World Airways jet.

This matter has been referred to the Legal Attaches at London, Paris and Rome, so that appropriate security services can be alerted to subject's contemplated travel.

Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

CL-132

07 DEC 28  
COMM-EN

- 2 - New York (See Note, Page Two)
- 1 - London (See Note, Page Two)
- 1 - Paris (See Note, Page Two)
- 1 - Rome (See Note, Page Two)

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100-387835 (NCSJMS)

1 - Foreign Division Unit (Route through for review)

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Office of Security  
Department of State

ATTENTION: SAC, NEW YORK, AND LEGAL ATTACHES, LONDON, PARIS  
AND ROME

For Legal Attaches' information, subject's name is included in the Security Index. She is the wife of Morton Sobell, who was convicted along with Julius and Ethel Rosenberg on charges of having conspired to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. Morton Sobell is currently serving a 30-year prison sentence at the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary. Since his conviction and imprisonment, subject has been working and agitating full time for his release or for a new trial. In this connection, she has traveled far and wide and has received the full cooperation of the Communist Party in various fund-raising and speaking tours. It is possible that she will attempt to propagandize on behalf of her husband, in the event she does travel abroad. She is described as follows: born March 13, 1918, Washington, D. C.; height, five feet, three inches; to five feet, four inches; weight, 125 to 130; hair, dark brown; eyes, brown; unkempt appearance.

You should alert your sources regarding the subject's anticipated travel and you may furnish them with the above information regarding her activities on behalf of her husband. In the event you should receive information that Sobell plans travel in countries other than those mentioned above, the Central Intelligence Agency locally and/or appropriate Legal Attaches should be immediately notified.

New York should achieve the necessary coverage so that subject's actual departure will be verified. Submit pertinent information regarding this and any other aspects of her travel plans in letterhead memorandum.

NOTE ON YELLOW: New York was previously alerted to subject's intended travel plans, and is currently conducting investigation to verify same. State and CIA are in possession of all pertinent information regarding the subject.

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## Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-404849)

DATE: 1/12/61

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-109849)

SUBJECT: HELEN SOBELL aka  
SM - C

(OO:NEW YORK)

ReBulet to State Department, 12/28/60, with copies to NY.

On 1/4/61, [REDACTED] Reservations Dept., Pan American World Airways, 60 E. 42nd St., NYC, advised that there was no reservation in subject's name for any of Pan American's flights on January 4, 5, or 6, 1961.

[REDACTED]

On 1/10/61, [REDACTED] 30 Charlton St., NYC, advised that subject continues to reside in Apt. 5-B. He said that subject was employed, but apparently worked irregular hours, inasmuch as he observed her entering and leaving the building frequently during normal working hours.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who has some knowledge of subject's activities, has been requested to promptly furnish any information coming to the informant's attention regarding any travel plans of the subject.

[REDACTED] US Post Office Village Branch, 150 Christopher St., NYC, advised on 1/9/61, that no information had been furnished the post office or the mail carrier to indicate that subject was planning to take a trip.

P -  
(2) Bureau (100-404849) (RM)  
1 - New York (100-109849)

CRM:kpm

63<sup>3</sup> JAN 19 1961

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EX-113

15 JAN 13 1961

SUBV. CONTROL

NY 100-109849

NY will remain alert for any information regarding a trip abroad by the subject and will submit letterhead memorandum in the event she makes such a trip.

## Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-404849)

DATE: 1/27/61

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-109849)

SUBJECT: HELEN SOBELL aka  
SM-C  
(OO: New York)

Re Legat, Mexico, letter of 12/31/60.

A review of subject's case file failed to reveal information indicating that subject has recently travelled to Mexico.

It was noted that on 6/9/60, [redacted] advised that HELEN SOBELL would remain in NYC, during the entire summer with the exception of a short visit to Minneapolis, beginning 6/16/60. The subject was subsequently reported by the informants indicated to have been in the following cities on the dates shown:

City	Date
St Paul, Minnesota	6/16/60
Minneapolis, Minnesota	6/18/60
Cleveland, Ohio	6/23/60
Chicago, Illinois	6/25/60
New York, NY	7/6/60
New York, NY	7/23/60
New York, NY	8/3/60
New York, NY	8/8/60
New York, NY	8/18/60
Camp Midvale, New Jersey	8/28/60
New York, NY	10/17/60
New York, NY	10/24/60
Philadelphia, Pa	11/5/60
Washington, DC	11/19/60
Philadelphia, Pa	12/18/60
New York, NY	12/19/60

4- Bureau (100-404849) (RM)  
(2- Legat, Mexico 100-1848)  
1- New York (100-109849)

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NY 100-109849

On 1/10/61, [REDACTED]  
30 Charlton St., NYC, advised that subject continued to  
reside at that address and that he had observed the  
subject in the building on that date. b7d

[REDACTED] b7E  
NY will remain alert for any information reflecting  
that subject is contemplating foreign travel and will  
submit letterhead memorandum in the event such information  
is received.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-404849)

DATE: 2/1/61

FROM : Legat, Mexico (100-1848)

SUBJECT: HELEN SOBELL, aka  
SM - C

Re: Remylet, 12/31/60; WFO letter 1/6/61 captioned  
"Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, IS - C",  
and Bureau letter to the State Department, 12/28/60. (u)

Since referenced WFO letter contains information  
accounting for the subject's presence in the U.S. over the  
New Year's holiday, and referenced Bulet contains the  
information that the subject intends to travel to Europe  
in January, 1961, no further investigation is being con-  
ducted in Mexico City. (u)

RUC

④ - Bureau  
(2 - New York 100-109849)

1 - Mexico City

JCS:mar

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Agency

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Date Forw.

By

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GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-404849)

DATE: February 27, 1961

FROM : <sup>sub</sup>LEGAT, LONDON (100-2508)

84245

SUBJECT: HELEN SOBELL, aka  
SM - C

OO: New York

ReNYlet, dated January 27, 1961, advising that as of January 24, 1961, subject was in New York City.

In view of the foregoing, sources of this office are being advised and this matter is being placed in an RUC status.

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TO : SAC, *New York* *100-109849* DATE: MAR 20 1961

FROM : Director, FBI

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*100-404849-13*

SUBJECT:

*Helen Shell*Office of Origin: *NY*

1. ( ) The deadline in this case has passed and the Bureau has not received a report. You are instructed to submit a report immediately. In the event a report has been submitted, you should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted on this letter and return it to the Bureau, Room No. *6266*

Report submitted \_\_\_\_\_

Report will be submitted \_\_\_\_\_

*3-24-61*

Reason for delay \_\_\_\_\_

2. ( ) Advise Bureau re status of this case.
3. (✓) Advise Bureau when report may be expected.
4. ( ) Surep immediately.

(Place your reply on this form and return to the Bureau. Note on the top serial in the case file the receipt and acknowledgment of this communication.)

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